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THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

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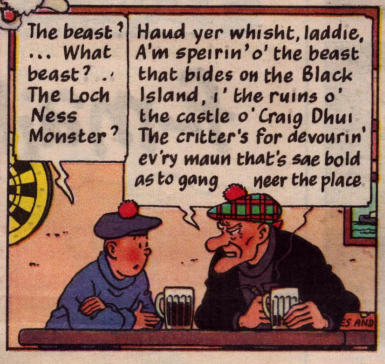

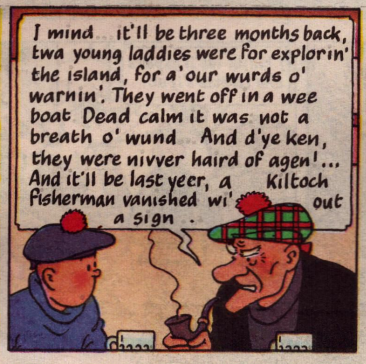

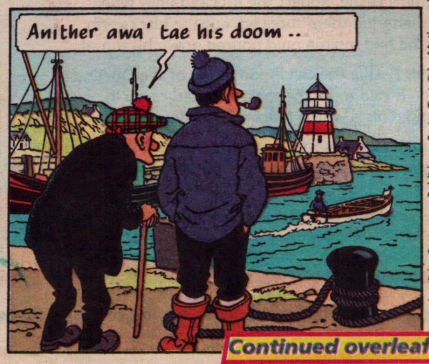

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What's it like to live in space? Part two of our Space Special

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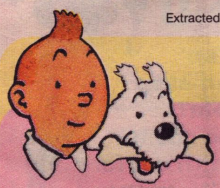

Fact File

Scottish castles come in all sizes, some are still used and some are ruined. Many have a very bloody history

- A blacksmith was bribed with gold to set fire to Kildrummy castle. Robert the Bruce's family who were sheltering there survived, but the blacksmith didn't, he had molten gold poured down his throat.
- Glamis Castle, the childhood home of the Queen Mother, is said to be the most haunted castle in Scotland. This is where Macbeth murdered Duncan.
- Eilean Donan a most romantic castle, was a Jacobite stronghold until destroyed by the English in 1719.

Eilean Donan Castle

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Canon's nifty digital organisers will fit in your pocket and give you a memo pad, calculator, calendar, directories, alarms plus the time around the world. The star letter will win the Canon DM2710 and runners-up will win the Canon DM2510. Get writing!

Club address

The Funday Times Club, PO Box 11, Tadcaster, North Yorks, LS24 9XA

f-mail...

Dear f-mail
My dog, Benje, snorts all the time! Once I was asleep in the room next door from him then I suddenly woke up and realised Benje's snorts had woken me up. He's a real snorty dog!
Amy Spires, age 7, Blyth

Dear f-mail
I've just moved to Northern Ireland, so the Club notepaper and envelopes are really handy. I've written to my Grandma already and I've only been in the club for about two days! I hope you like the photo it was taken when I was eight, when I was holding Chestnut the owl at the Hawk Conservatory. It was great!
Olly Brand, age 9, Northern Ireland

Star letter

Dear f-mail
I think I have the most embarrassing father in the whole wide world! For instance, just now he was in the kitchen dancing around and trying to call a bag of coffee over to him. Then when he realised that it probably wouldn't work, he started singing a Gary Glitter song at the top of his voice! I can't admit that it isn't normal for him, but I do get a little bit worried sometimes!
Flora Stewart, age 10, Norwich

 Eek! Is Tintin about to come face to face with the legendary monster? Find out next week

FUNDAY TIMES CLUB

WIN Who's clued up?

Ever fancied being a spy? All you movie buffs out there can follow the trail of Harriet The Spy (cert PG) – out February 14. Harriet is a savvy spy but her world is turned upside down when her classmates find her secret spy book and read what she's written – all about them!!

You can win your family a spy-cial weekend in London! We've teamed up with UIP/ Paramount Pictures and Nickelodeon Movies to offer a family trip to London (two adults, two children). You'll stay at a top West End hotel and eat at the new hangout for pop stars, the Capital Radio Cafe. **Ten runners-up will win a Nickelodeon goody bag, a Spy Kit and Henderson's Harriet the Spy File.**

CAPITAL RADIO Cafe

To enter, tell us James Bond's agent number.

Answers to the Club address on page 2 by February 24

Drawing board

Toy Options have got a full range of action figures and vehicles from the animated series Jonny Quest. Our Cartoon King will win a sack full of Jonny Quest toys worth £175 and our runners-up will win a Jonny Quest vehicle. Watch out for Jonny Quest on Cartoon Network and Children's BBC.

Cartoon King

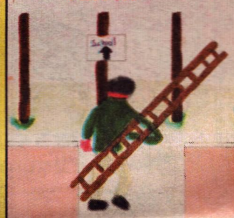
Q What is red, brown, hairy and wears sunglasses?

A A coconut with sunburn on holiday!

Ross Ringham, age 12, Rochester

David King, age 11, Saffron Walden

Q Why did the boy take a ladder to school?



A Because it was high school!

Q How do you get a baby astronaut to sleep?

A Rock it!

Benjamin Kennard, age 7, Ilford

Let's Smurf

Smurfmania is about to hit the streets again! Released this week, The Smurfs' new album, The Smurf Hits '97 Vol 1, features top tunes, like 'Wannabe a Smurf Star', 'The Smurfs are Coming Home', 'Keep on Smurfing' and 'Ooh ... Aah Smurf a Little Bit'.

We've got 100 albums up for grabs, and the star prize winner will also win this fantastic AIWA LCX-100 Hi-Fi Micro System great for even the smallest bedrooms. It comes with three CD auto changer, time function and remote control – so you can switch it on and groove without even getting out of bed!

To enter, tell us what the female Smurf is called.

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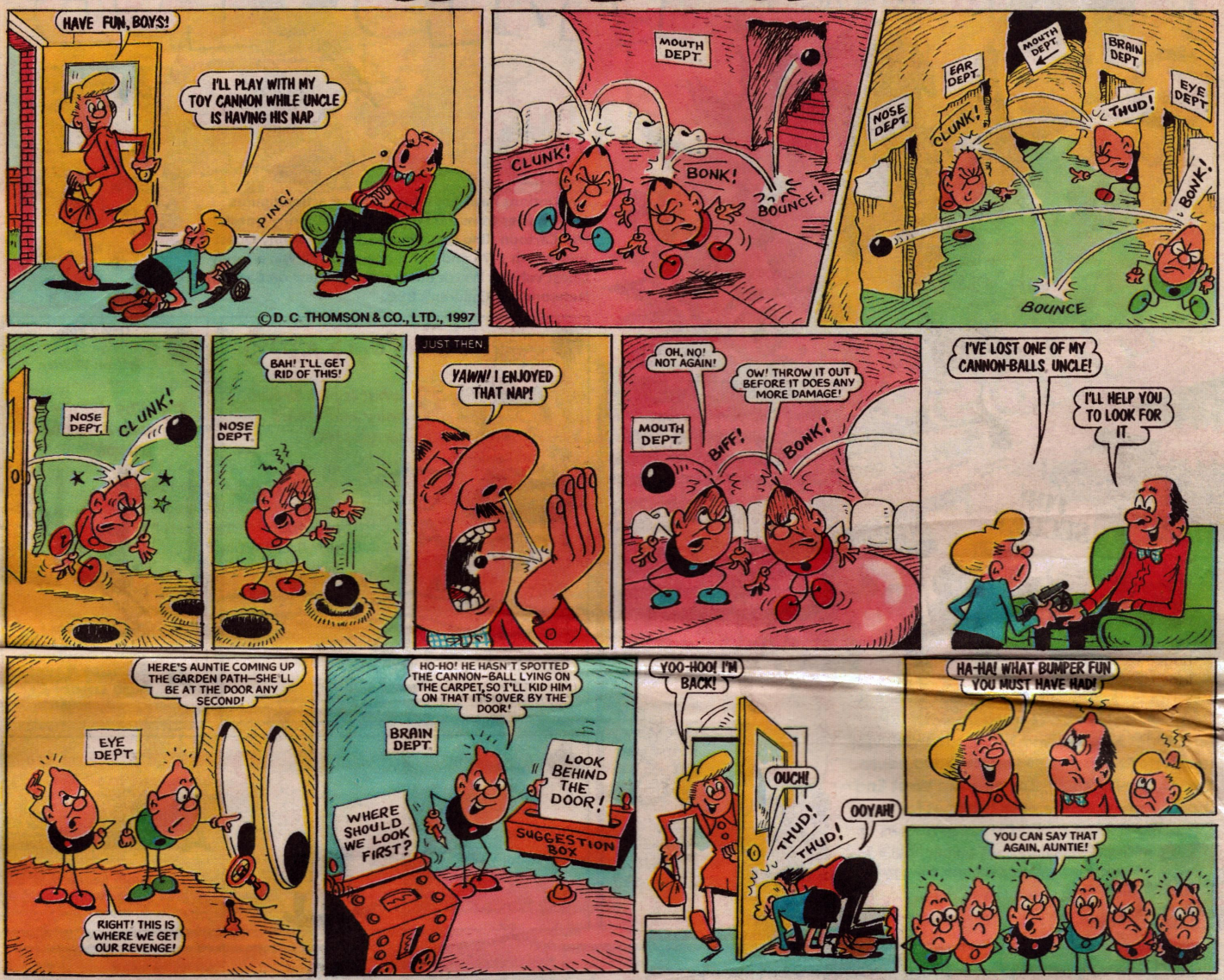
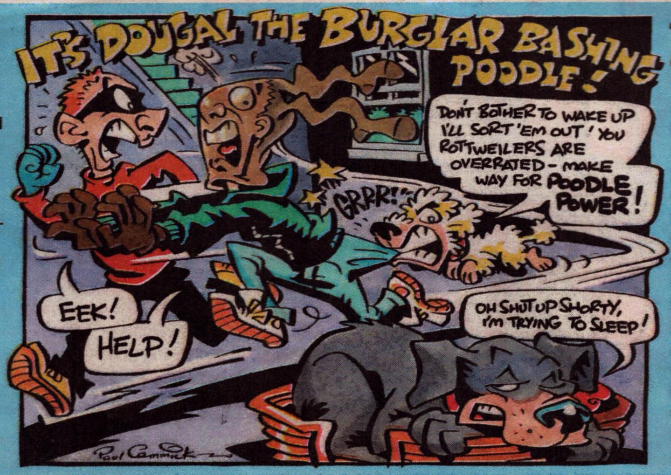
The NUMSKULLS

THE NUMSKULLS APPEAR EVERY WEEK IN THE BEANO



The INTELLIGENT COD

THIS IS A TALE OF TWO HOUNDS – SADIE THE Rottweiler and Dougal the Poodle. They lived happily together in the Maid's Head pub, Suffolk, and while tiny Dougal amused customers with his fluffy japes, stern Sadie guarded the premises. Then one day, it happened. Burglars! Courageously, the dog came to the rescue – not the rottweiler but the poodle! Dougal snapped and yapped at their heels, while soppy Sadie slept through the whole drama. Dougal may be tiny, but he has a heart like a lion!



The COD'S QUESTION

Dear Cod
What are crocodile tears?
Georgina Ackerley, age 8, Sunderland

Dear Georgina, To shed crocodile tears means to pretend to be sad, and the expression comes from a peculiarity of the reptile body. When a crocodile takes a big bite out of something (like a little girl!) the food often presses against the top of its mouth, causing drops of fluid to seep out of its eyes. They look like tears, but they are NOT tears, as anyone approaching the croc to cheer it up, will soon discover!

FUNDAY TIMES NEWS

Top girl!

Barbie has been named Toy of the Year, Best Girls' Toy and Doll of the Year by the British Toy Retailers' Association. The golden girl, who always looks 19 but is in fact 37, swept the board at the Toy Association's annual awards. More than a billion Barbies have now been sold worldwide since their launch in 1959. Buzz Lightyear won a newly created category for '96, The Pimpernel Award, for being highly elusive!

Out of flavour

Sprouts and cabbage may be good for you, but they have been voted Britain's must hated vegetables by British schoolchildren. Chips and baked beans, not surprisingly came out on top as the nation's favourite tasty twosome in the University of Strathclyde survey, though sweetcorn and lettuce were big hits, too. But since the average youngster eats the recommended amount of veg only once a year – on Christmas Day – nutritionalists have challenged food producers to come up with more attractive veggies. Like pizza flavoured broccoli – one company is said to be working on this already! Would that tempt your taste buds to turn over a new leaf?

Top Five		Yucky Five
Chips	1	Sprouts
Baked beans	2	Cabbage
Peas	3	Spinach
~~Sweetcorn~~	4	Broccoli
Lettuce	5	Leeks

Toothy grin

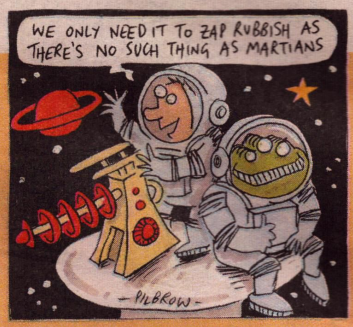
Archaeologists on the Isle of Wight have discovered the skeleton of a massive carnivorous dinosaur, never seen before. The 10m tall creature with huge razor-sharp teeth and 15cm long claws, named Neovenator salerii (Salero's new hunter) would have lived 50 million years before its famous cousin – Tyrannosaurus Rex.

New 'toons

The organisers of the Sydney 2000 Olympics have revealed their trio of cartoon mascots to promote the Games. To some observers' surprise, there are no kangaroos, koalas or emus to be seen, instead Olly the kookaburra, Syd the duck-billed platypus and Millie the ant-eating echidna are the chosen three. The names of the characters have special significance. Olly is short for Olympics, Syd for Sydney and Millie is for Millennium.

Watch this space

Astronauts building a £25 billion space station are to be protected by a massive ray gun. The ground based mega-machine will be used to zap debris floating in space. With all manner of junk, from pieces of metal to rogue satellites, now orbiting the planet at up to 30,000 kph, any collision with the space station could be potentially disastrous. Radar systems will detect incoming objects and then the gun's rays will either vaporise them or divert them onto a safer route.



Eager for beavers

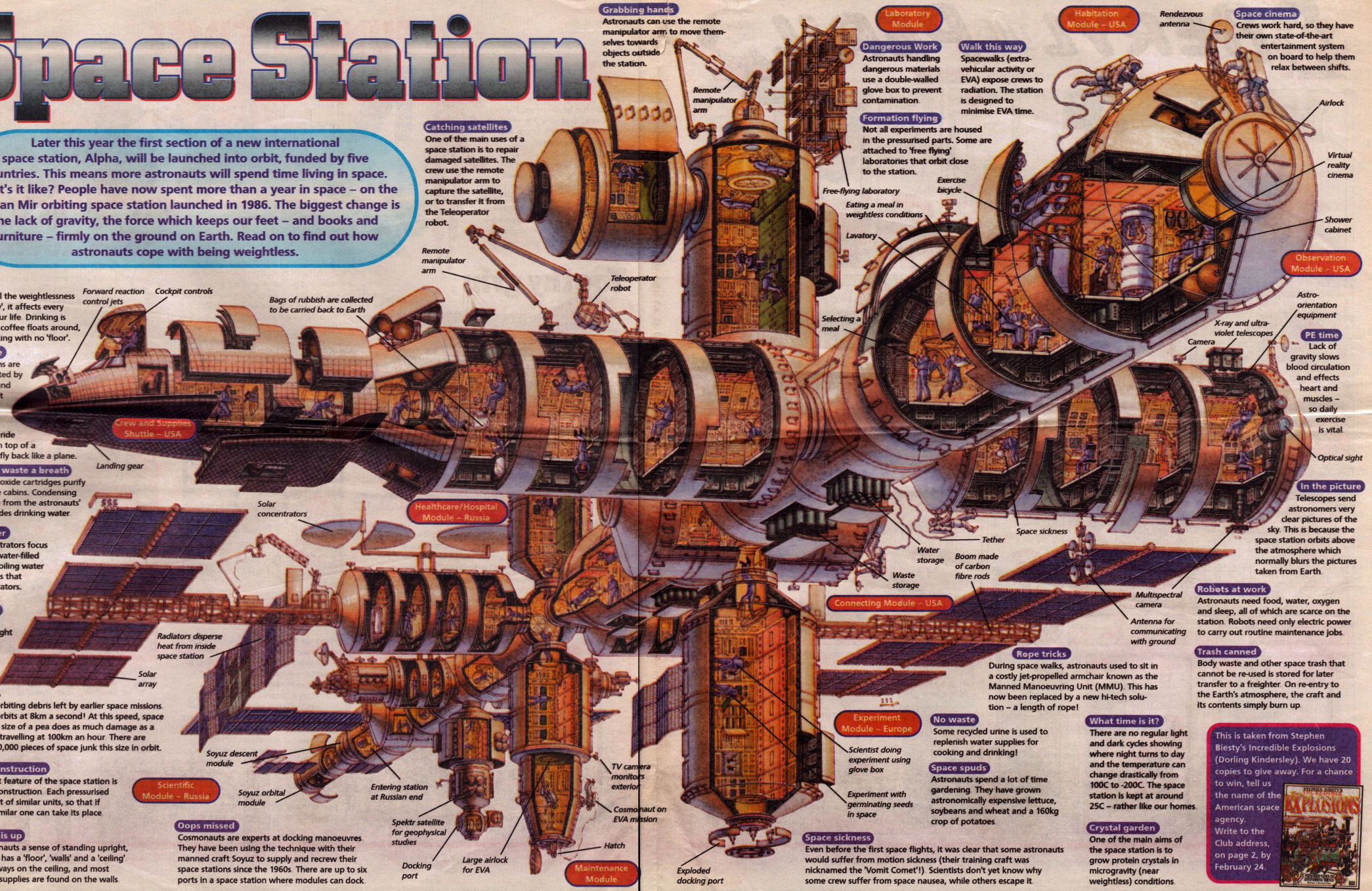
There are plans for wild beavers to be reintroduced into Britain's countryside – 300 years after they were hunted to extinction. A wildlife conservation group based near Southampton is intending to import six European beavers to start a captive breeding programme. When their numbers have reached 50, the conservationists hope to release the animals at carefully chosen sites next to some of the UK's main rivers and in the Norfolk Broads. The bud-toothed amphibians will not pose a threat to local fish, as some people think – beavers do not eat fish, preferring to live off the bark of waterside trees. Watch out for them!

Who's an ox?

Today sees the start of the Chinese New Year celebrations around the country. London, Liverpool and Manchester – all with sizeable Chinese communities – will be particularly animated with spectacular fireworks displays, colourful processions and the all-important dragon and lion dances. Traditional Chinese music and amazing acrobats will also play major roles in the nationwide festivities. 1997 is The Year of the Ox, a creature which is said to stand for patience and hard work.

Space Station

Later this year the first section of a new international space station, Alpha, will be launched into orbit, funded by five countries. This means more astronauts will spend time living in space. What's it like? People have now spent more than a year in space – on the Russian Mir orbiting space station launched in 1986. The biggest change is the lack of gravity, the force which keeps our feet – and books and furniture – firmly on the ground on Earth. Read on to find out how astronauts cope with being weightless.



This is taken from Stephen Biesty's Incredible Explosions (Dorling Kindersley). We have 20 copies to give away. For a chance to win, tell us the name of the American space agency. Write to the Club address, on page 2, by February 24.

BERYL THE PERIL

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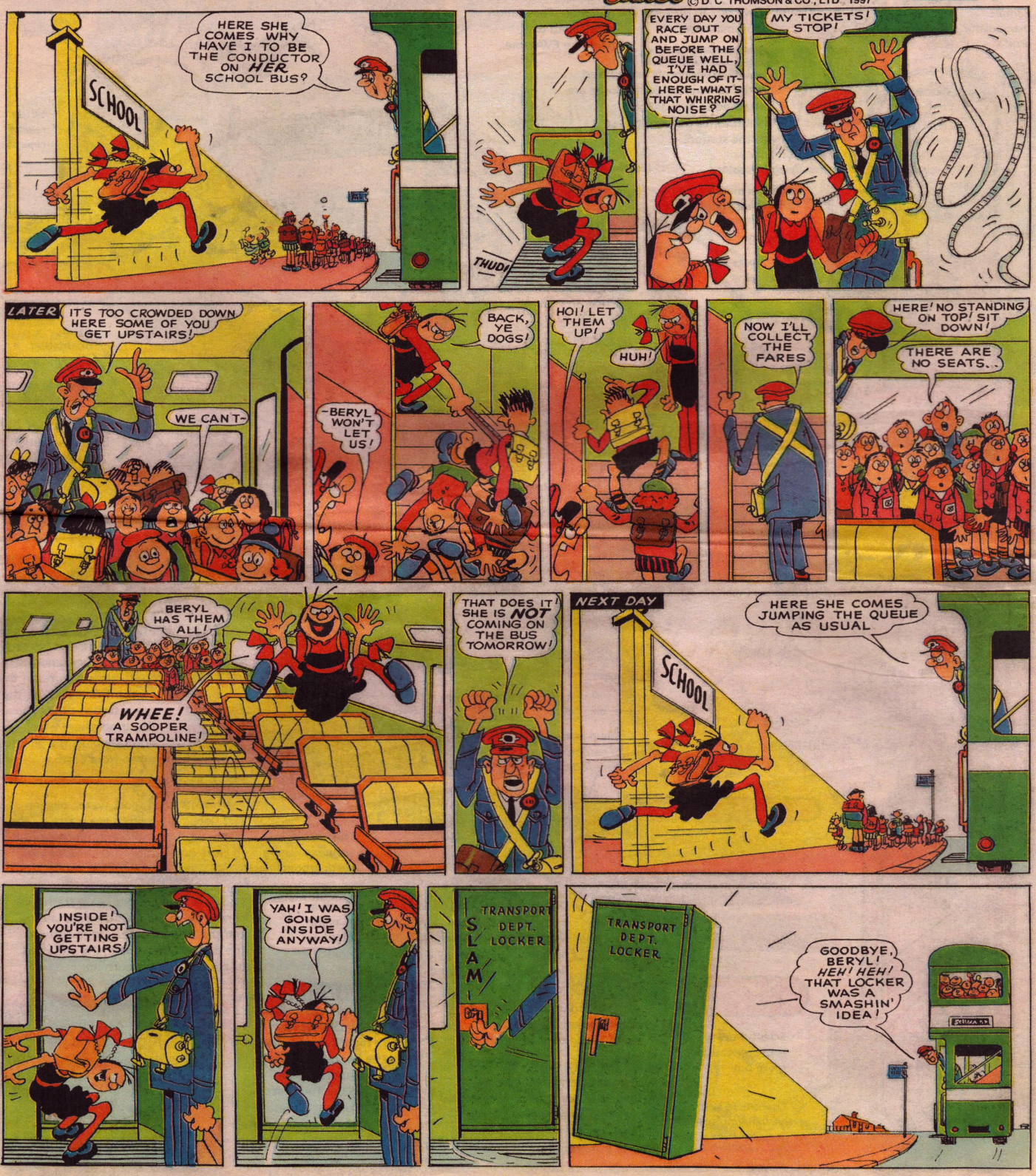
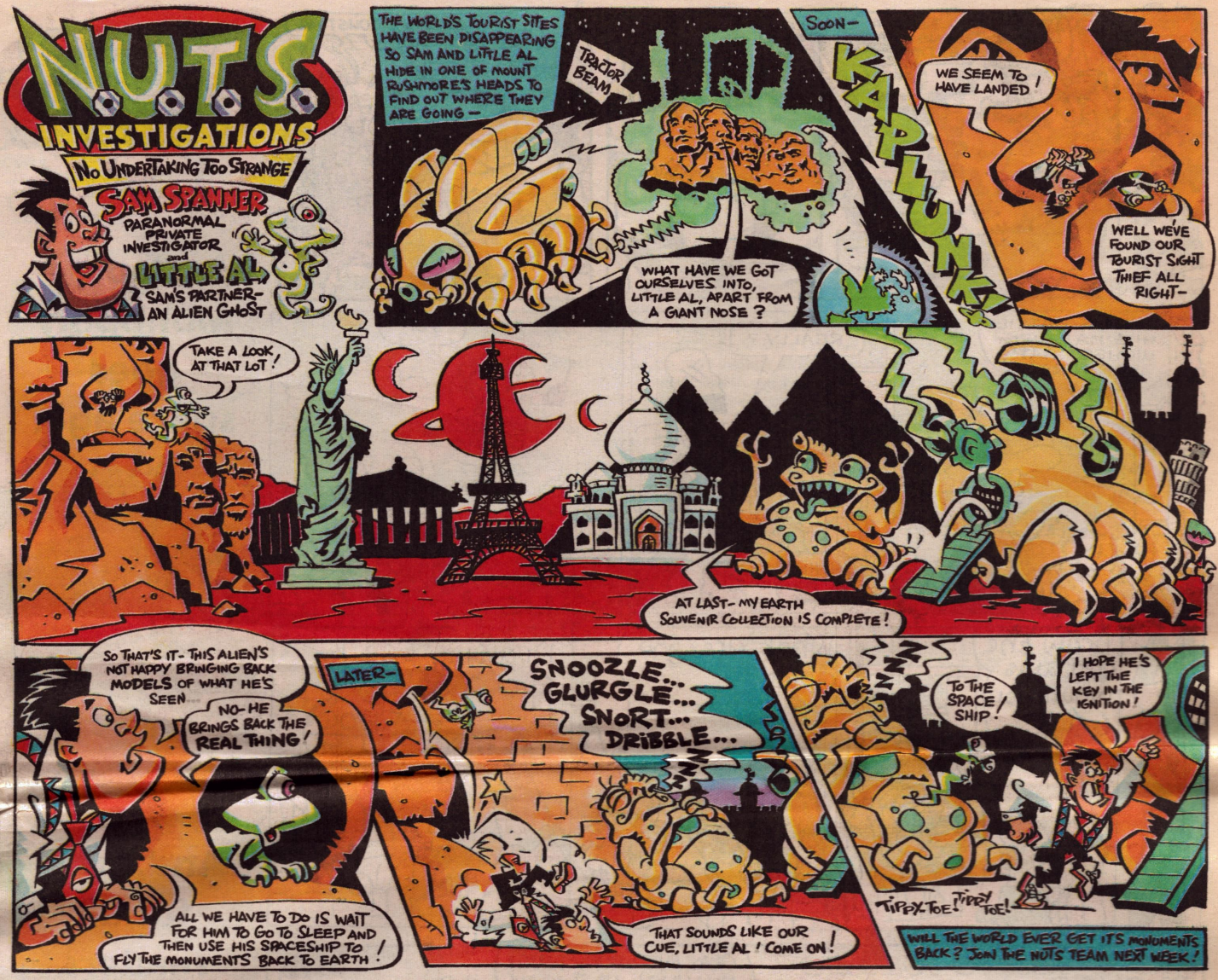


8 Poor Beryl, no one appreciates her humour! Who will she annoy next week?


N.U.T.S.
INVESTIGATIONS
No Undertaking Too Strange
SAM SPANNER
PARANORMAL PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR
and
LITTLE AL
SAM'S PARTNER- AN ALIEN GHOST
THE WORLD'S TOURIST SITES HAVE BEEN DISAPPEARING SO SAM AND LITTLE AL HIDE IN ONE OF MOUNT RUSHMORE'S HEADS TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY ARE GOING -
TRACTOR BEAM
SOON-
KAPLUNK!
WE SEEM TO HAVE LANDED!
WELL WE'VE FOUND OUR TOURIST SIGHT THIEF ALL RIGHT-
WHAT HAVE WE GOT OURSELVES INTO, LITTLE AL, APART FROM A GIANT NOSE?
TAKE A LOOK AT THAT LOT!
AT LAST- MY EARTH SOUVENIR COLLECTION IS COMPLETE!
SO THAT'S IT- THIS ALIEN'S NOT HAPPY BRINGING BACK MODELS OF WHAT HE'S SEEN
NO- HE BRINGS BACK THE REAL THING!
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT FOR HIM TO GO TO SLEEP AND THEN USE HIS SPACESHIP TO FLY THE MONUMENTS BACK TO EARTH!
LATER-
SNOOZLE... GLURGLE... SNORT... DRIBBLE...
ZZZ
THAT SOUNDS LIKE OUR CUE, LITTLE AL! COME ON!
TO THE SPACE SHIP!
I HOPE HE'S LEFT THE KEY IN THE IGNITION!
TIPPY-TOE! TIPPY TOE!
WILL THE WORLD EVER GET ITS MONUMENTS BACK? JOIN THE NUTS TEAM NEXT WEEK!
PAUL CEMMICK AND GILES PILBROW

FISH TALES
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PSYCHO
I HAVE A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOU
I CAN'T WAIT TO OPEN IT!
BY THE TIME I'D BOUGHT A CARD, SOME GIFT WRAP AND RIBBON, I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR A PRESENT
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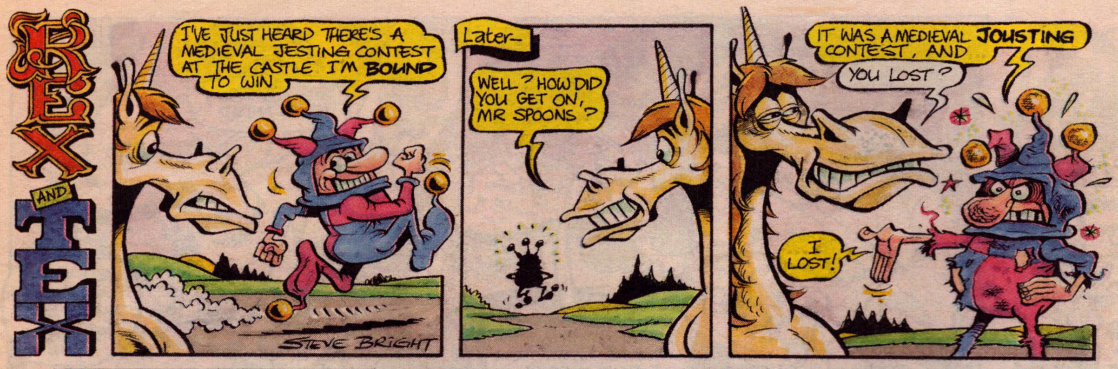

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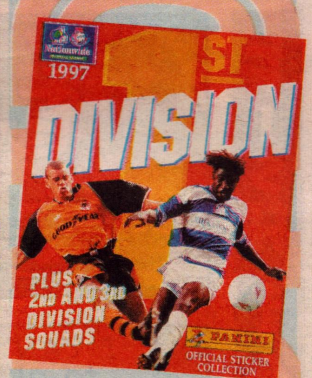
Zap! Monopoly goes space age!

Who will get the dreaded Red Card next week?

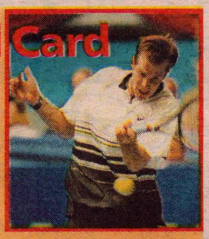
And, free for all readers



football sticker books

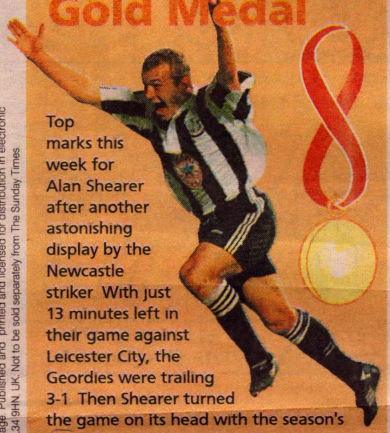
FUNDAY TIMES SPORT

Red Card



Greg Rusedski gets our Red Card this week after blowing his chances of a famous victory over Goran Ivanisevic. Big Greg actually held match point in the final of the Croatian Indoor Championship and only had to deliver another of his blistering serves to win the title. Instead, he produced a double fault and gave the match to Ivanisevic.

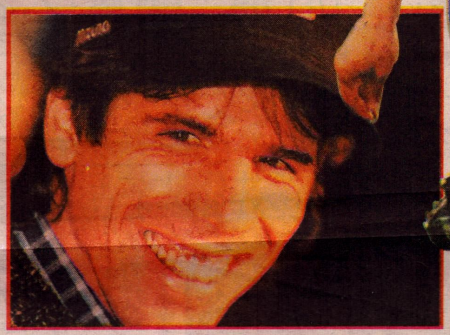
Gold Medal



Top marks this week for Alan Shearer after another astonishing display by the Newcastle striker. With just 13 minutes left in their game against Leicester City, the Geordies were trailing 3-1. Then Shearer turned the game on its head with the season's most dramatic hat-trick. Is there no stopping that man?

FOOTBALL

Gianfranco Zola



- Gianfranco is from the island of Sardinia. He made his name playing for Napoli, where he took over wearing the famous Number 10 shirt from Diego Maradona. A tough act to follow!
- He is an expert at taking free kicks because of his deadly combination of power and accuracy.
- When he's not playing football, 30-year-old Gianfranco likes to relax by playing the piano. Could there be a possible future music deal?
- He was tempted away from Italy with a lucrative salary and the chance of living in London – one of his favourite places in the world.
- He has a five-year-old son called Andrea and a daughter called Martina, who is four.

England's footballers will play Italy at Wembley this Wednesday as they fight for a place in the next World Cup. The Italian team features some of the best players in Europe and one of them is Gianfranco Zola, their skilful striker. Gianfranco signed for Chelsea this season and has proved an instant hit with a string of great performances. If England want to win, they'll have to keep a close eye on this nifty player.

Sportrait

WIN

50 videos up for grabs

Watch the first stage of the England squad's journey towards the 1998 World Cup in France on Three Lions – The Official England Diary, Volume 1 from PNE Video (£10.99). All the highlights from Glenn Hoddle's first matches plus interviews with Hoddle, Alan Shearer and Les Ferdinand. Share the pain and the glory as the boys battle to the top.

To enter, tell us which team Glenn Hoddle used to manage.

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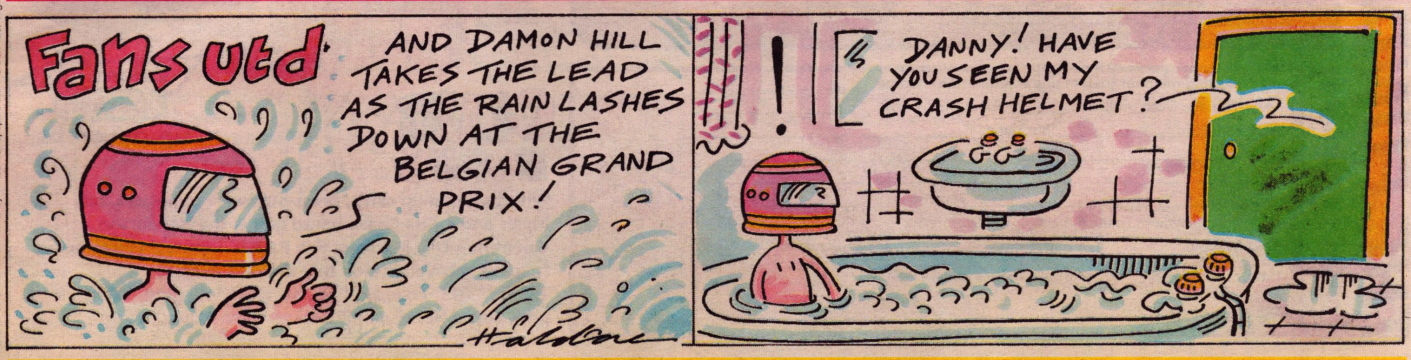

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OKAY GANG, PEN AND PAPER AT THE READY FOR MORE

FUNDAY PUZZLES

① IN AMERICA

FIND THE LETTERS THAT ONLY APPEAR ONCE IN EACH GRID, THEN ARRANGE THEM TO SPELL THE NAMES OF 2 AMERICAN STATES

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W	O	Q	X	G	T
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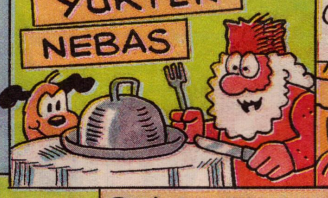
V	C	E	H	S	N

② FUNGUS FOOD

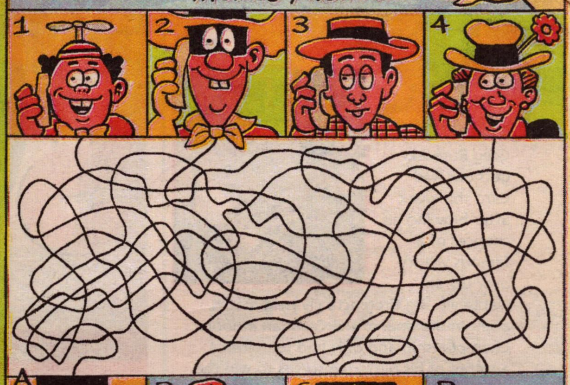
REARRANGE ALL THE LETTERS TO FIND OUT WHAT FUNGUS IS HAVING FOR HIS DINNER

TAPESOOT
ANCHIPS
HUBBARR
CARDUST
YUKTER
NEBAS



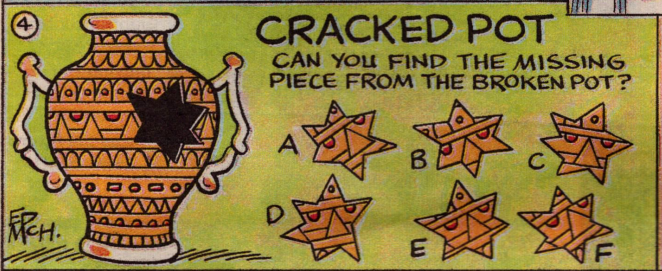
③ PHONE LINES

Who's talking to who on their mobile phones?



④ CRACKED POT

CAN YOU FIND THE MISSING PIECE FROM THE BROKEN POT?



⑤ USE THE LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET NOT SHOWN HERE TO SPELL THE NAME OF SOMETHING VERY USEFUL

D Q J S K G W H B
L Q I V F X A Y N Z

ANSWERS

1: WYOMING and FLORIDA. 2: POTATOES, SPINACH, RHUBARB, CUSTARD, TURKEY and BEANS. 3: 1—D, 2—B, 3—A, 4—C. 4: PIECE E. 5: COMPUTER.

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Valentine packs up for grabs

CLUB BONUS

With two pop-up cards, press-out heart templates, gift boxes and a Kiss Chase board game, the Henderson Valentine's Day Madness Fun Pack is a must if you're going to make this Valentine's Day the best ever.

The first 70 to join the club this week will get a Valentine pack plus a Henderson Practical Jokes Activity Pack